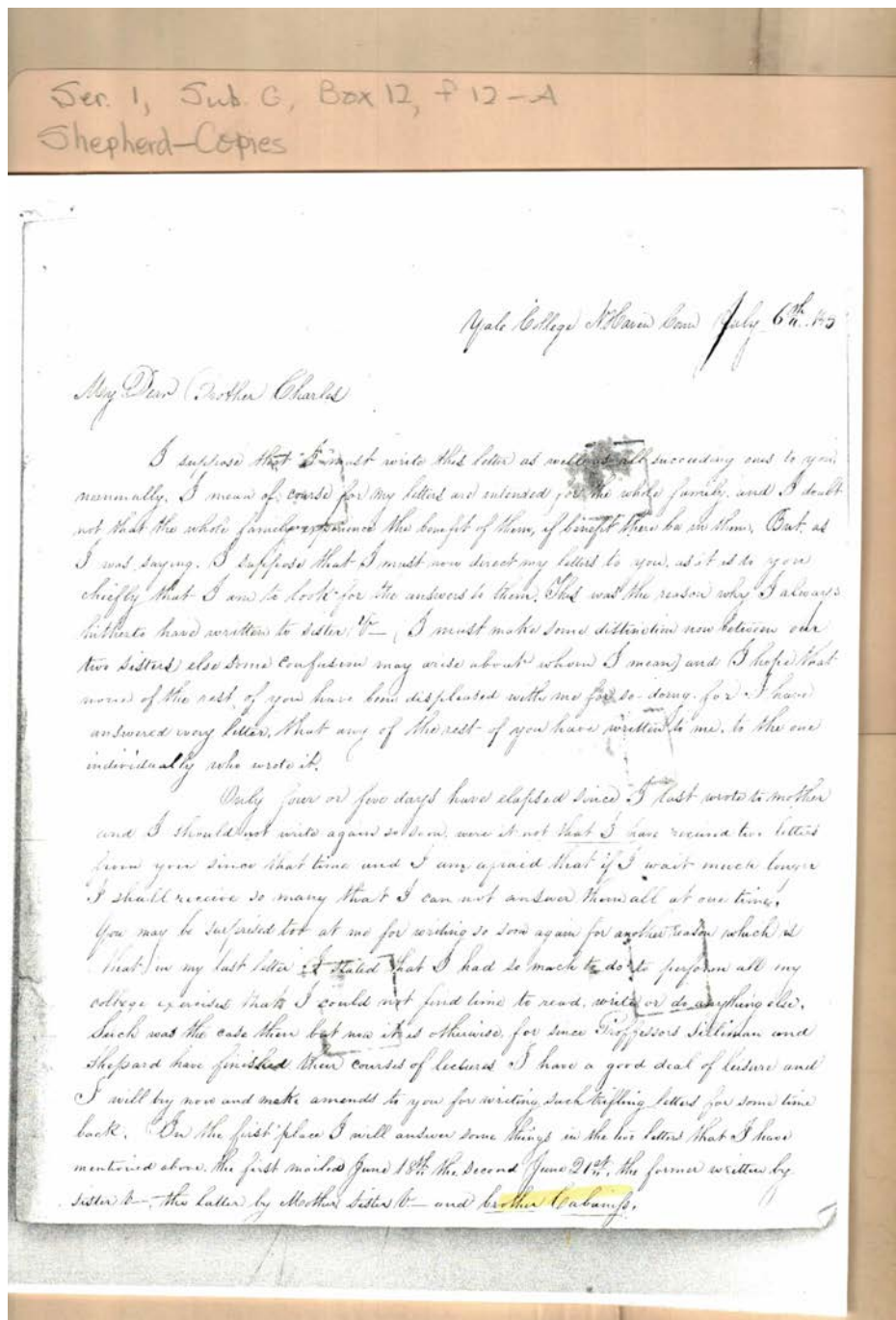


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Charles O. Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

Names:

Cabaniss

Cabaniss, Virginia A.
Shepherd

Shepard, Prof.
Shepherd, Charles

Silliman, Prof.

Places:

Yale College, New
Haven, CT

Types:

letter

Dates:

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Sister's letter reached me only the day after I wrote my last letter, and as I then said that I had recovered from the "influenza" with the exception of having a bad cold still, I may as well inform you in the first place that I have now entirely recovered.

Sister commenced her letter with a long tirade against Post-Masters, Post-Offices, &c. &c. because you sometimes receive two letters from me within a week of each other and at other times you can hardly manage to get one from me in less than three weeks. I suppose that the effect of this translated into quaint English would mean that I was very irregular in writing to you at sometimes once a week and at other times in three weeks. But I think it the true meaning of the whole sentence but so it put in different words in account of our agreement, which we made some time ago, not to find fault with each other about anything of this sort, at any rate so long as it is the meaning or not, I plead guilty to the charge and I am willing to let it go at that.

I am very glad for me now that the freedom of Alabama has got into the Yankee fashion of appointing a "Post-Day," though I included in the "New England Freeman" that the editor regarded it as one of the foolish innovations of the times. I have been following without advice to send cold water in my arm to cure it of inflammation, though I have not had it long enough to perceive that it had any effect as yet. However I shall still continue to employ it until I am tired of its effect.

The other letter did not contain anything that required a direct answer, as Sister W. said that it was only written to bid me "Good Bye." There is one thing however that I should like to have explained. The letter is written as Sister herself says at 12 o'clock at night and at the end there is a kind of Postscript which merely says "I am going" and signed M. W. I think that I conjecture that her marriage took place in the morning or shortly after the above mentioned P. S. and that I should be much obliged to you if you would tell me some of the particulars of the case, as it is but natural that I should be very curious to find out about the proceedings as I was not present to see for myself. But I must forbear saying anything more at present on that topic and any other until I tell you about the proceedings here on the 4th of July, the day before yesterday. On the preceding evening several of the Fire Engine from at Worcester and Waltham and other neighboring cities arrived in this city by the boat and railroad. These were all invited by the social committee of

Charles O. Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

Names:

Cabaniss, Virginia A.
Shepherd

Places:

Yale College, New
Haven, CT

Types:

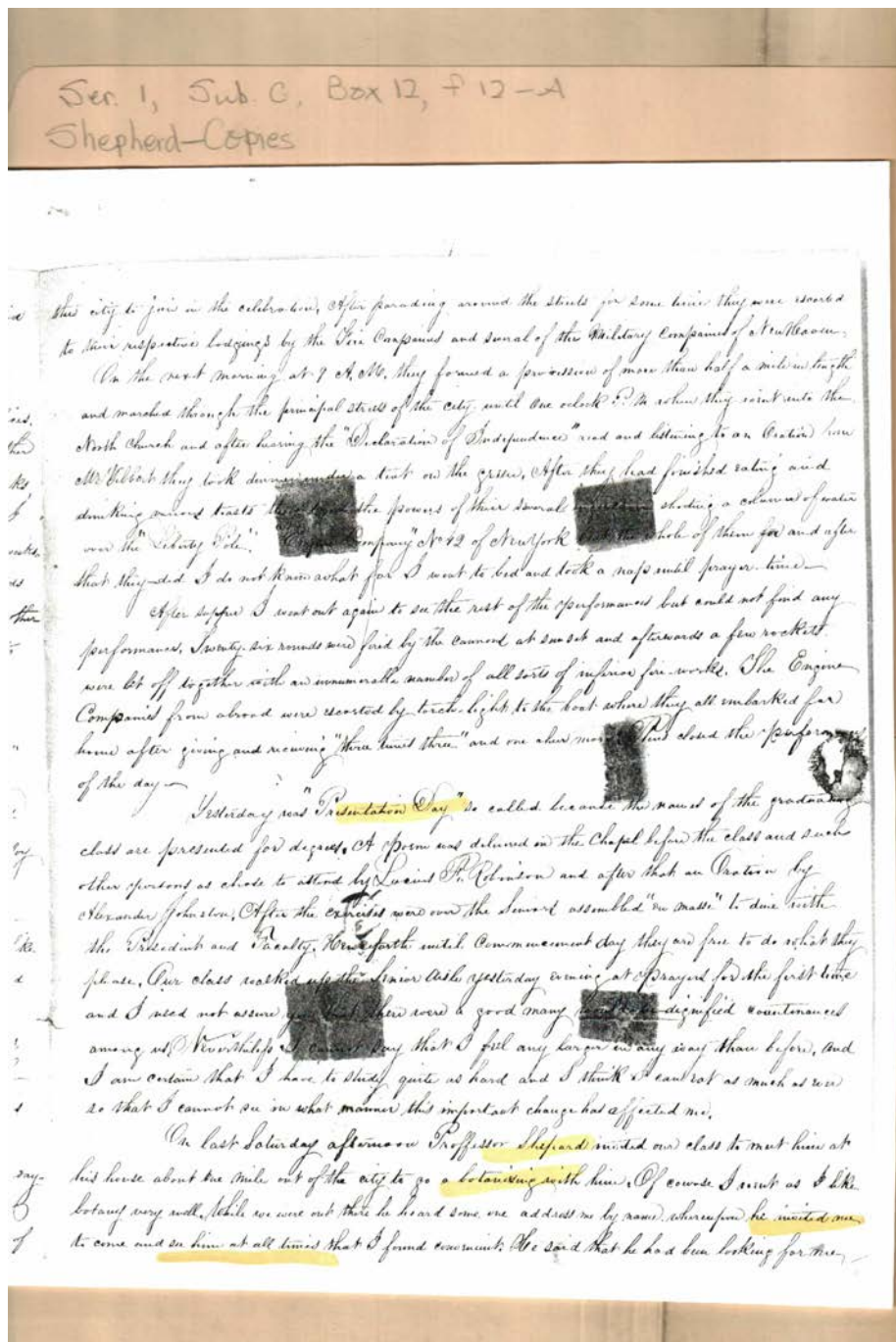
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Dates:

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Charles O. Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

Names:

Johnston, Alexander

Robinson, Lucius P.

Shepard, Prof.

Vibbert,

Places:

Yale College, New
Haven, CT

Types:

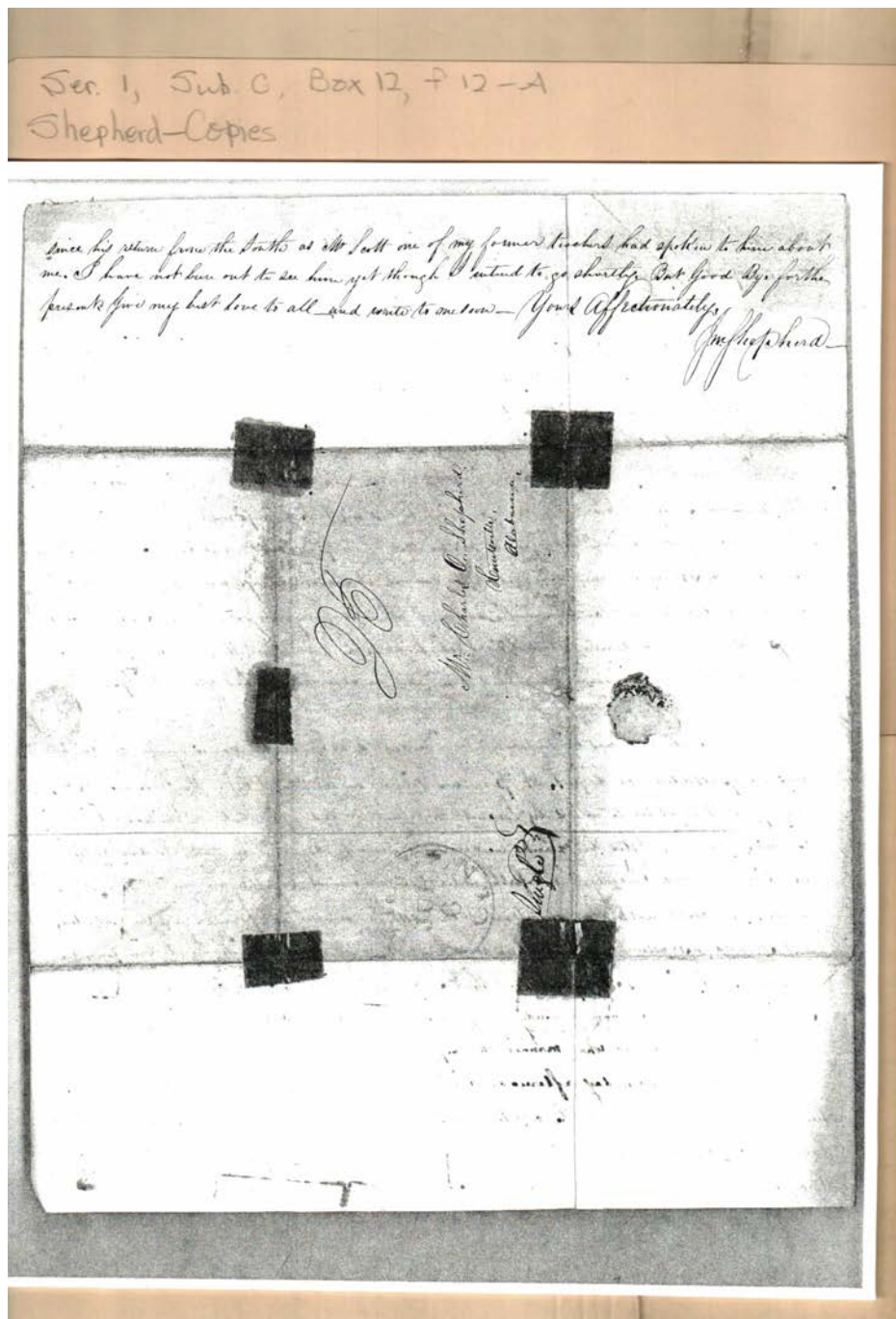
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Charles O. Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

Names:

Scott,

Shepherd, Charles O,

Shepherd, John

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Yale College, New
Haven, CT

Types:

address

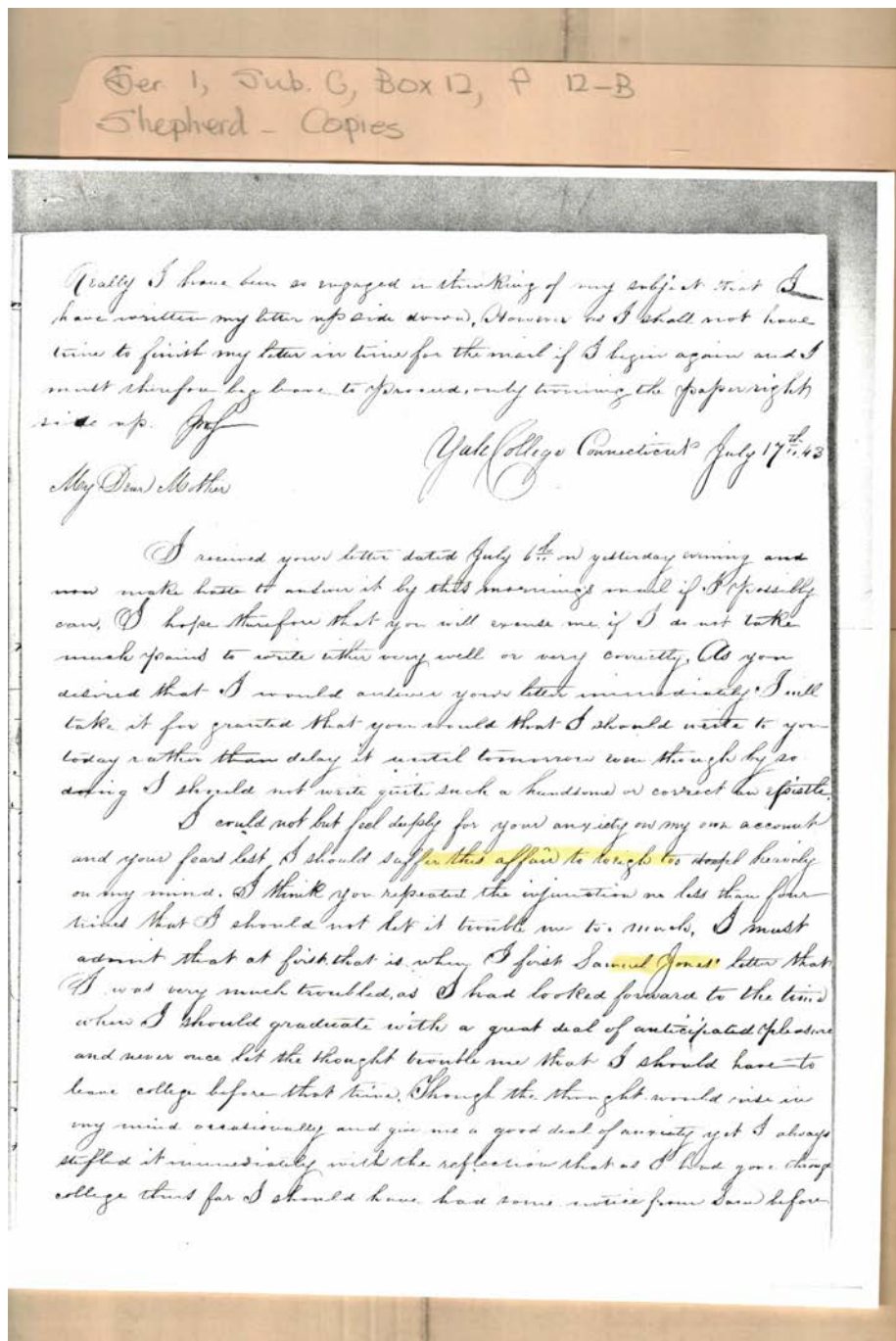
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Dates:

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Catharine Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

Names:

Jones, Samuel

Shepherd, Catharine
(mother)

Places:

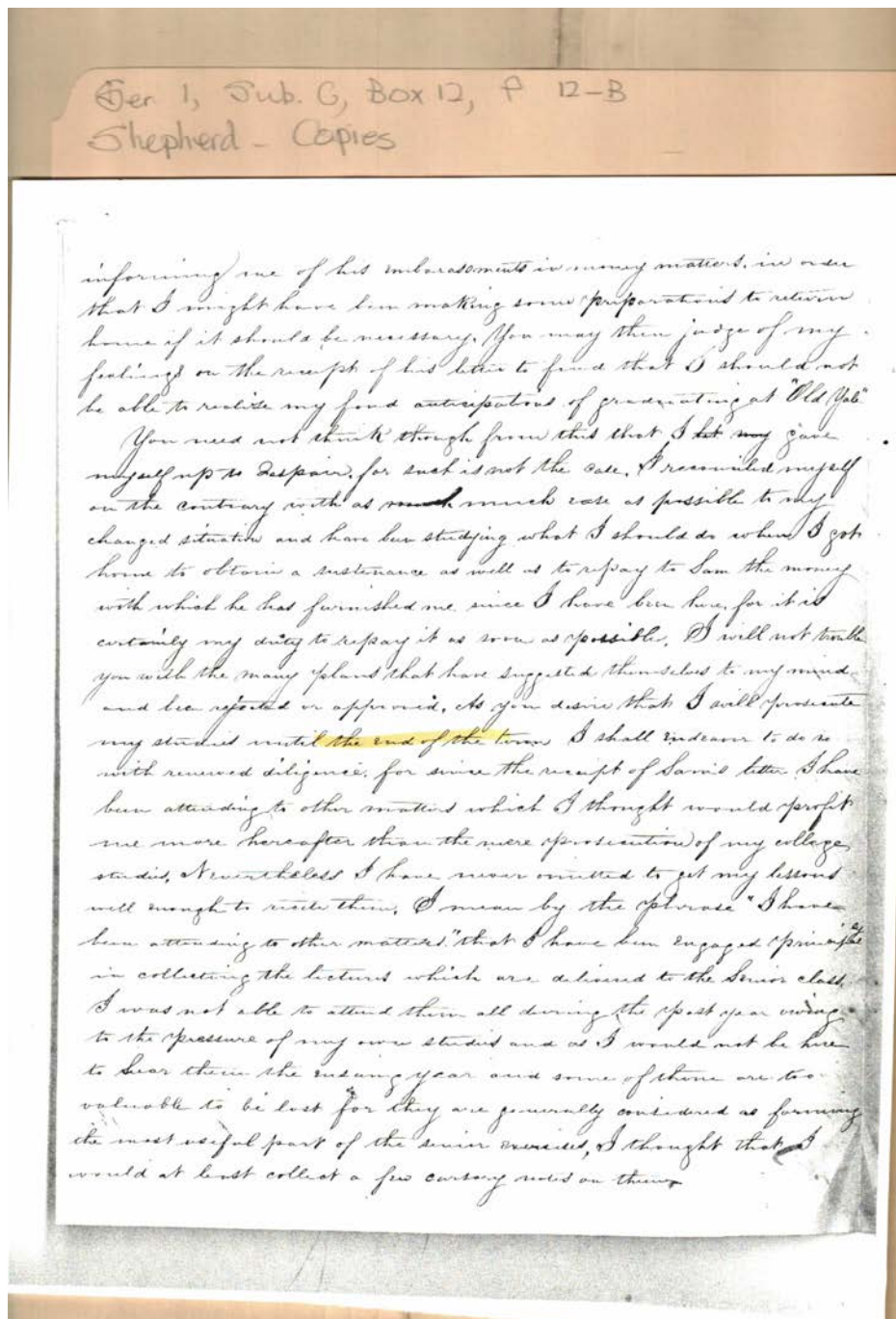
Yale College, New
Haven, CT

Types:

letter

Dates:

July 17, 1843



Catharine Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

Names:

Jones, Samuel

Places:

Yale College, New
Haven, CT

Types:

letter

Dates:

July 17, 1843

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I hardly know what to say in answer to your endeavor to try to raise sufficient money for me to continue at college until I graduate. I know that father could not raise the necessary amount himself without a great deal of inconvenience if indeed at all and I am decidedly averse to his putting himself to any unnecessary inconvenience on my account. I think myself therefore that it would be best for me to come home as soon as possible, yet if you think that I can possibly remain here until I graduate I am sure that nothing could possibly give me more pleasure. I therefore leave the decision of this to you only insisting that if I can not stay here without trouble and inconvenience to father and yourself that you allow me to return home. You desired me to tell you how much money I have received from Sam. Jones since I have been here. Since my return from Virginia, I have received W.D. 20.00 twice, from him at another time W.D. 12.00, at another W.D. 6.00, and a few days ago \$600.00. Now all W.D. 570.00. Of this I have had to pay something over \$100.00, which leaves for my expenses the sum of \$470.00 nearly. Besides this I now owe about \$130.00 and if I ought until the end of the present term as you wish me to do I shall owe about \$160.00. I think that with W.D. 50.00 I could pay my present bills remain here until I graduate and then have sufficient left to carry me home. You also advised me to ask Professor Kingsley's advice which I shall do and I hope that he can put me in a way to reduce my expenses to at least \$200.00 per year. I intend to write to sister W. tomorrow or at least as soon as possible for I have not done so yet. Excuse my numerous blots and mistakes and the informality in general for the reasons that I mention in the first part of my letter. Let me hear from you

Catharine Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

Names:

Cabaniss, Virginia A.

Jones, Samuel

Kingsley, Prof.

Places:

Yale College, New
Haven, CT

Types:

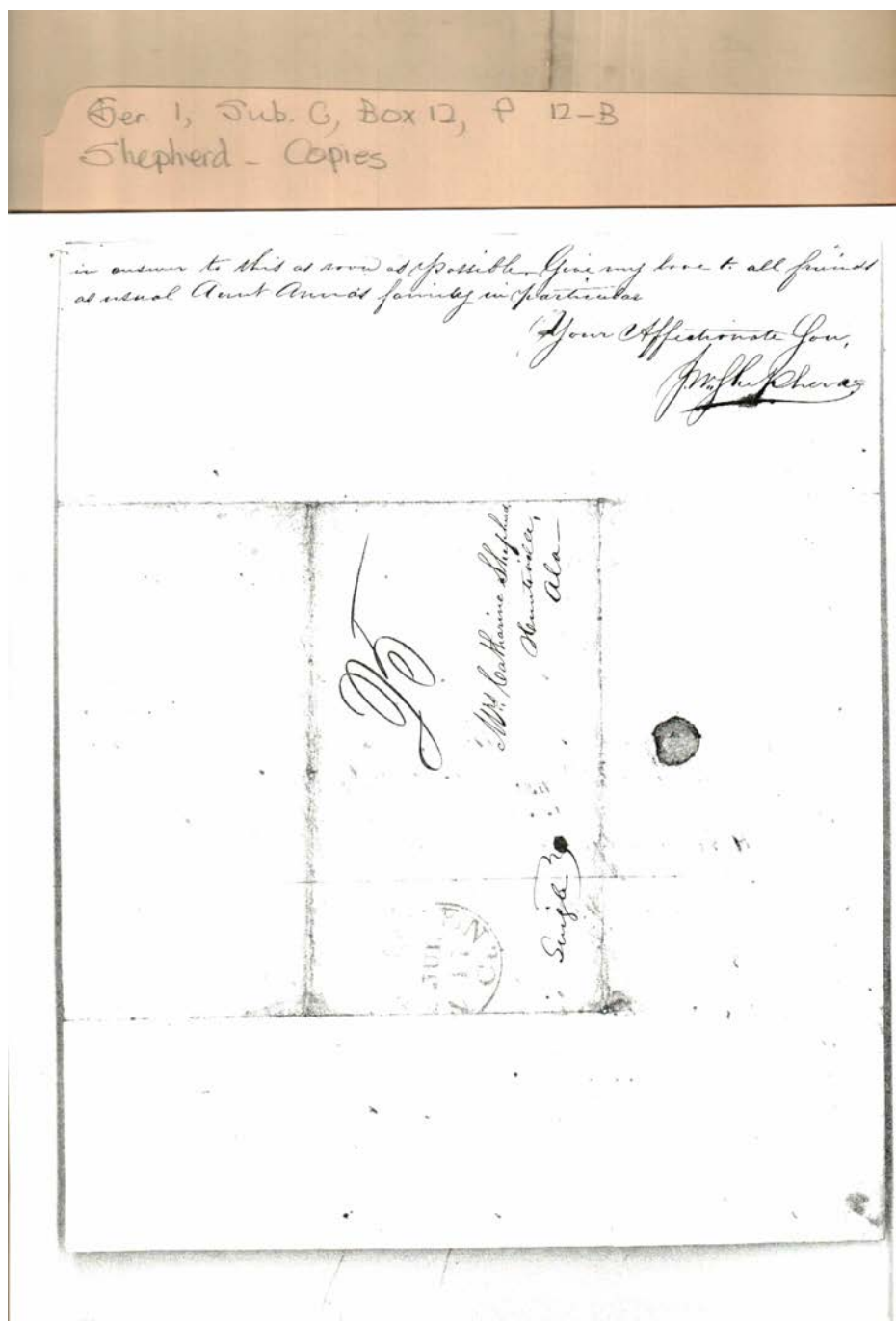
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Catharine Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

Names:

, Anna, Aunt

Shepherd, Catharine

Shepherd, J. W.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Yale College, New
Haven, CT

Types:

address

letter

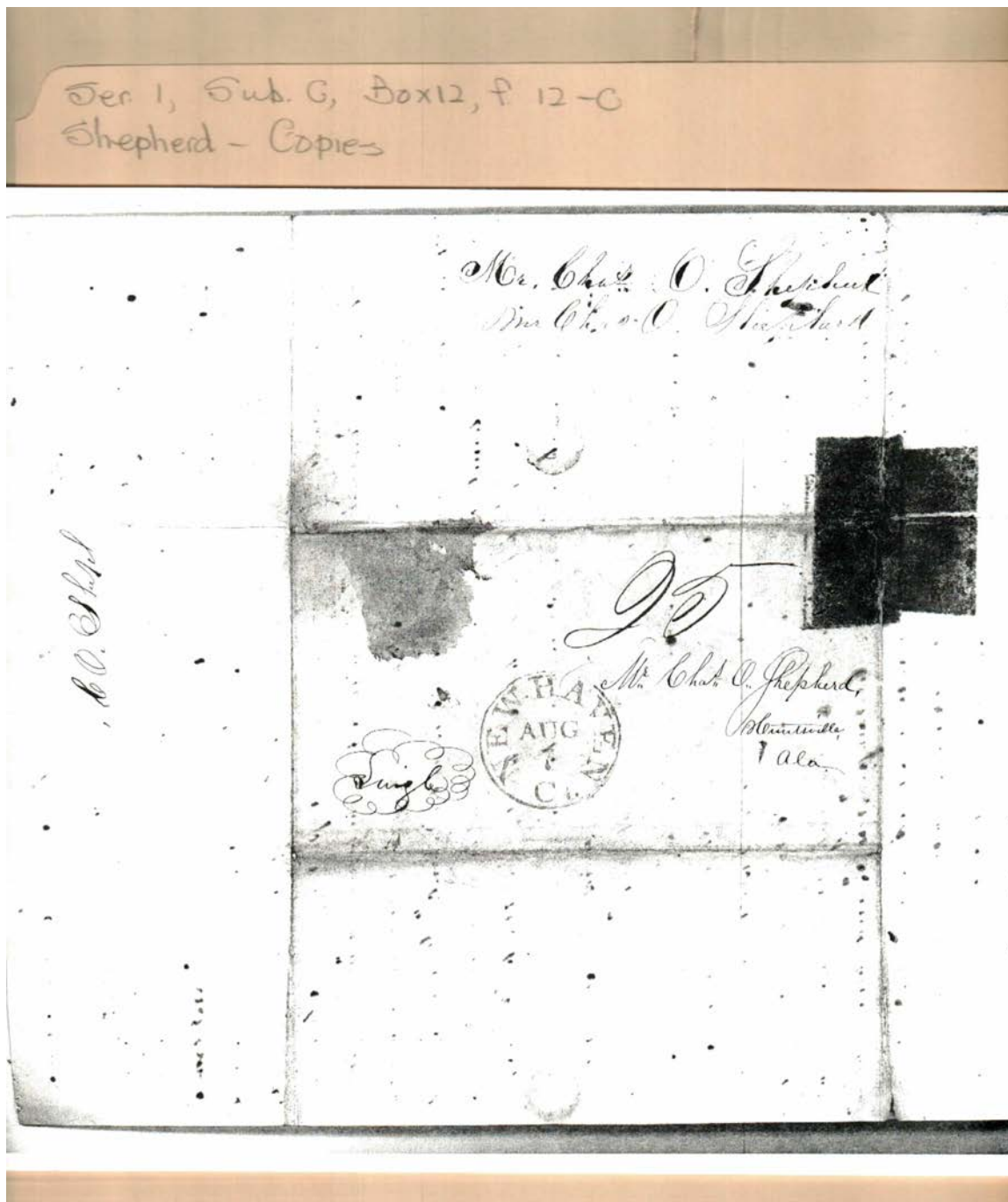
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Charles O. Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

Names:

Shepherd, Charles O.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

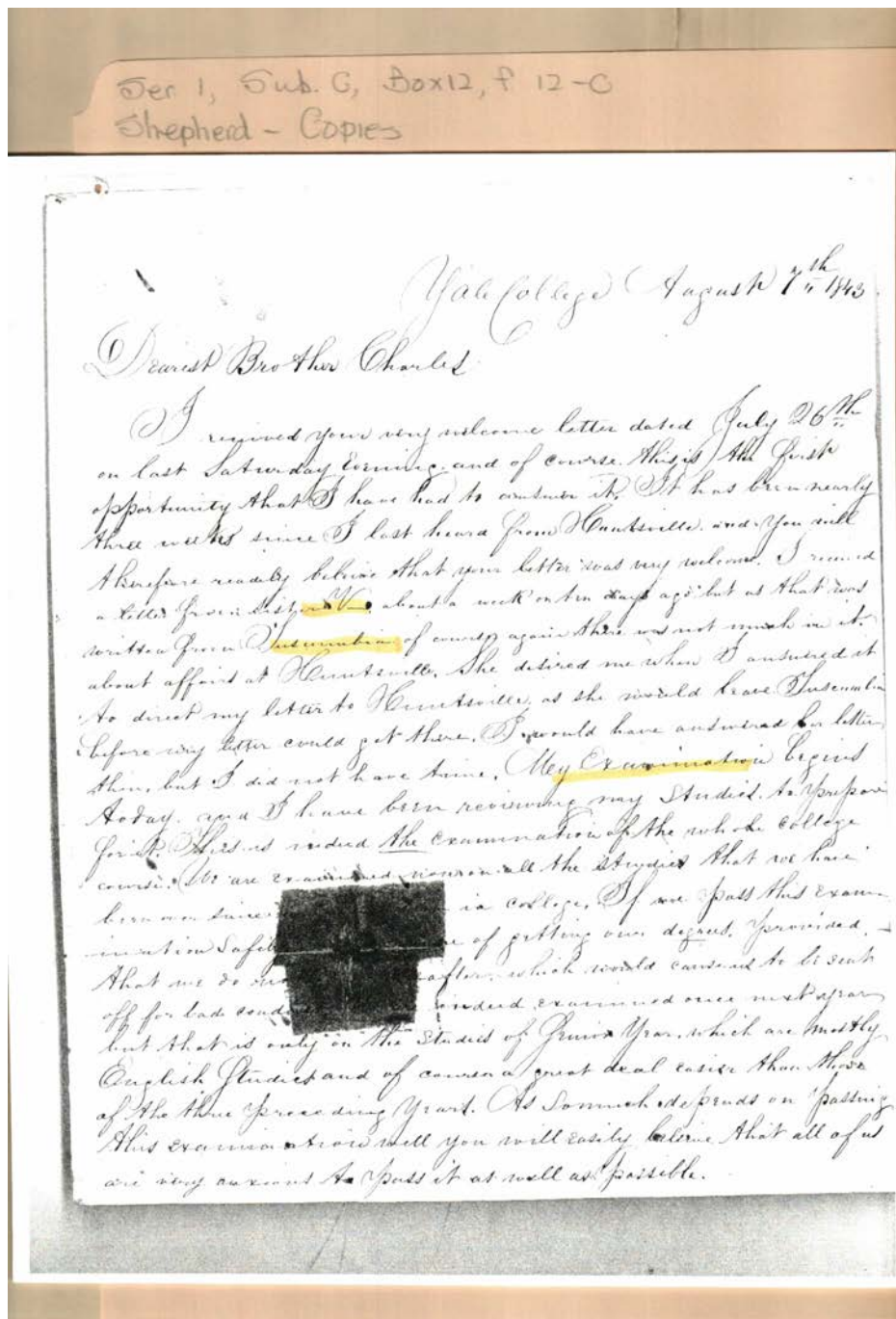
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Dates:

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Charles O. Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

Names:

Cabaniss, Virginia A.
Shepherd

Shepherd, Charles O.
(brother)

Places:

Yale College, New
Haven, CT

Types:

letter

Dates:

Aug 7, 1843

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It is for this reason that I have neglected to answer
David's letter, and I hope that you will consider it a sufficient
excuse. I must also spend this as my excuse for writing
such a negligent and slow letter. I am in haste to go to your
monthly Convention letter. As I will scarcely have time to
finish a very long letter even though it be thus, I will write
I will hurry on to say what little I have to say in the
briefest manner possible.

I am very sorry indeed for your misfortune, which I intended
neither to confuse you at home for the rest of the vacation. As I know myself
from experience, how tedious it is to pass one's time in that way.
I can sympathize with you. But nevertheless, I shall not attempt to
intercede for you, for I hope that it will be the cause of my getting more
letters from you than you would write, if you were allowed to go where
you pleased, and do what you pleased.

I am very glad to hear that your examinations passed off with credit to
all engaged in it. I sincerely hope that I may be able to tell you
the same, concerning my own examinations in my next letter.
You said that you spoke Macaulay's article in the Quintessence. I hope for the
sake of your audience that you did not speak the whole of it. I speak
that part of it concerning "The Open University".

Before the class last Wednesday, our class and Mr. Davidson alternately
spoke on Wednesday afternoon. (You do not know of Mr. Davidson's
method for an exhibition, viz. to read a composition between each
declamation.) I recollect that the first exhibition that we had at the
Academy while I was there, was conducted on the same principles
except that Mr. Farnsworth read all the compositions himself and did not
tell who the authors were, and as I gathered from what you said, Mr. Davidson

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Names:

Davidson,

Farnsworth,

Places:

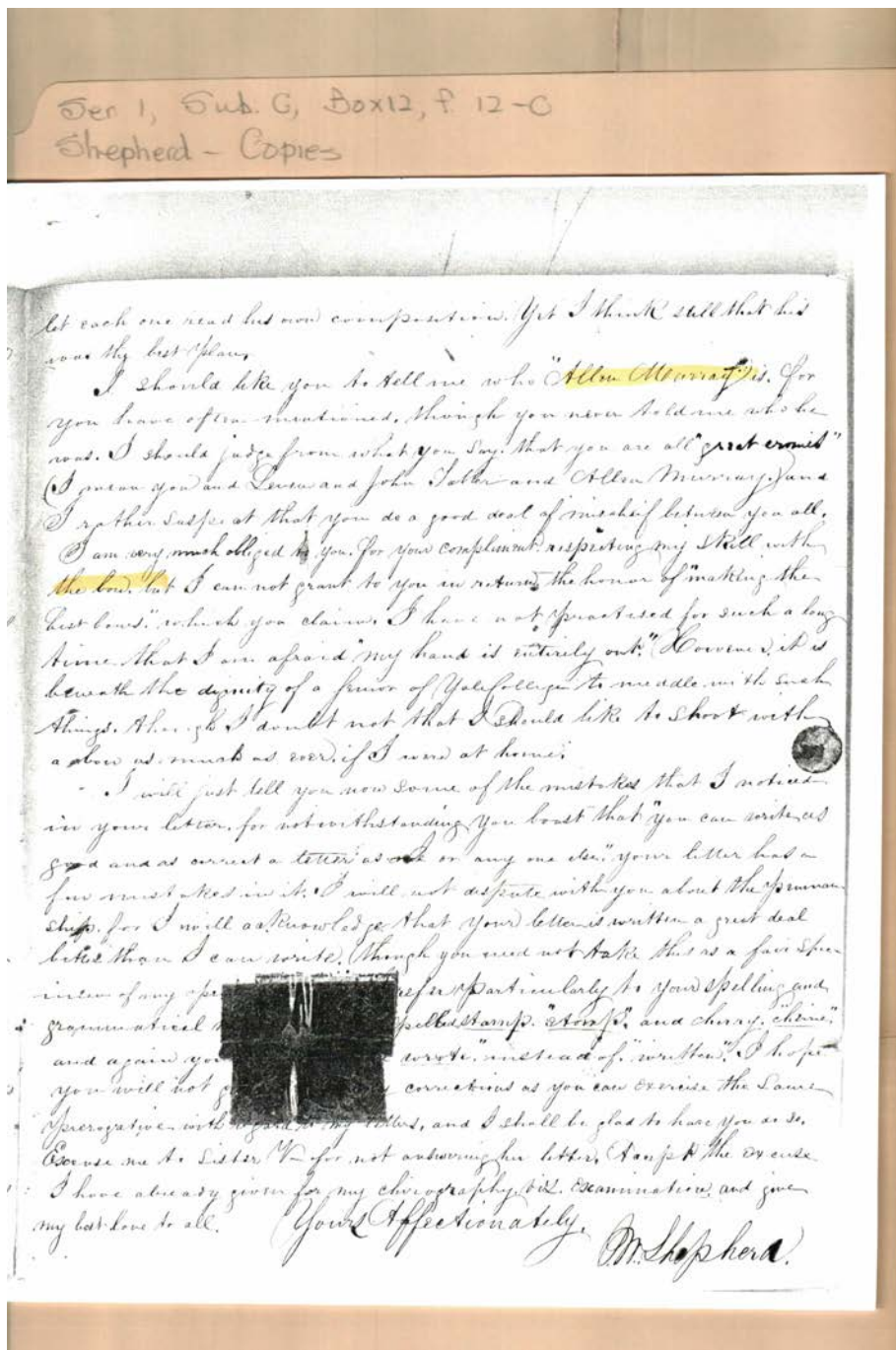
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Haven, CT

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letter

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Charles O. Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

Names:

Murray, Allen

Shepherd, John

Shepherd, Leven

Tabler, John

Places:

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Haven, CT

Types:

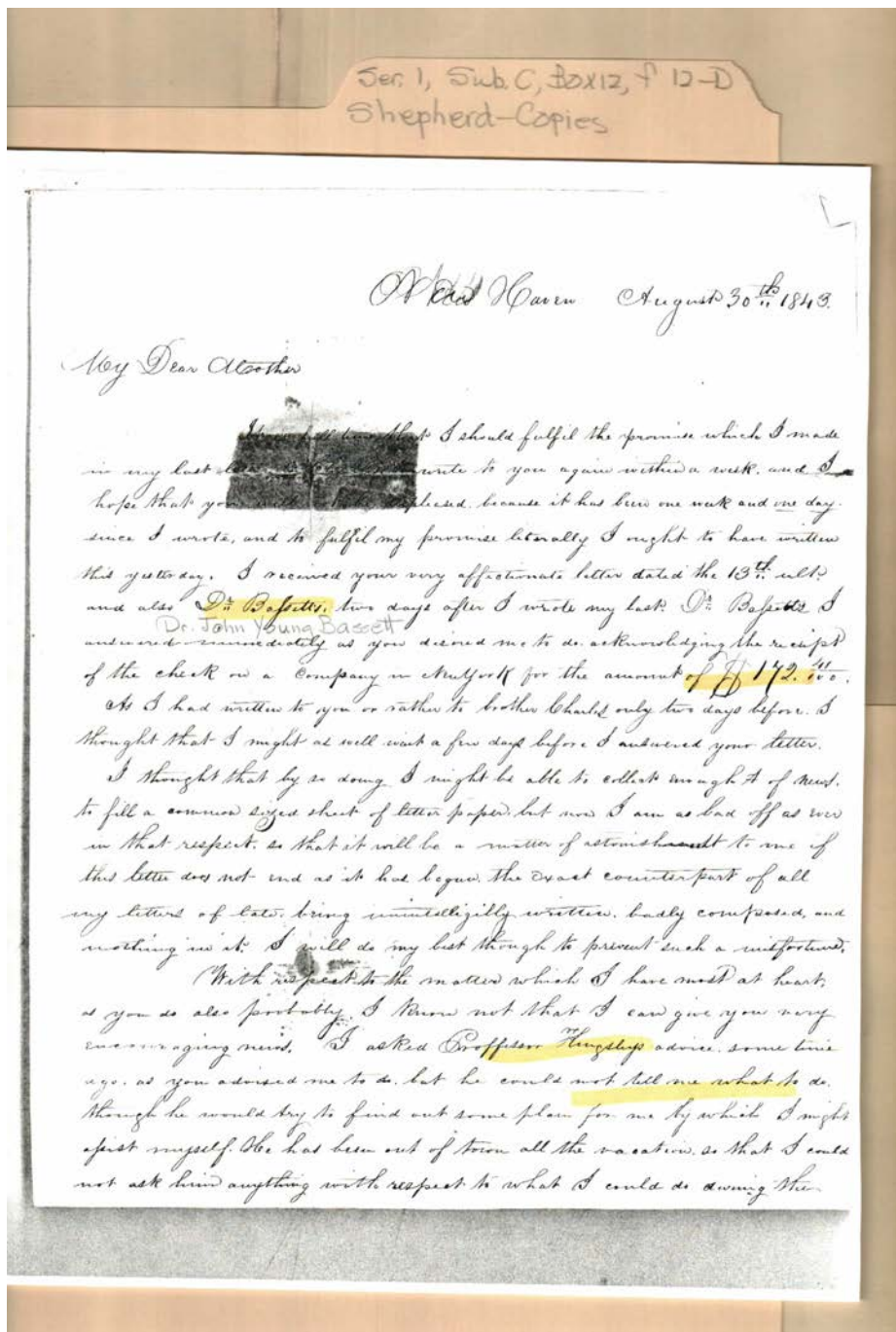
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Catharine Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

Names:

Bassett, John Young,
Dr.

Kingsley, Prof.

Shepherd, Catharine
(mother)

Shepherd, Charles

Places:

Yale College, New
Haven, CT

Types:

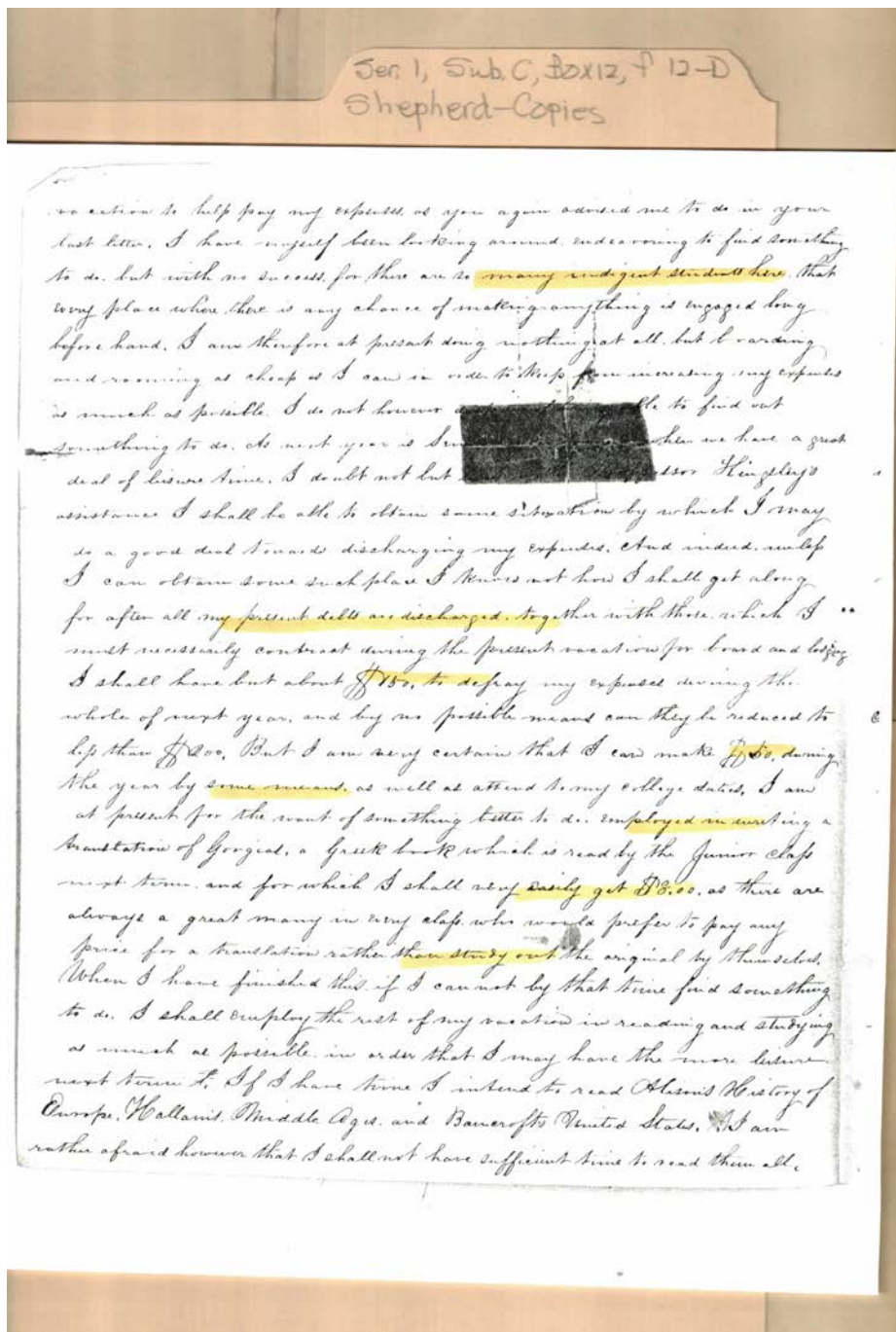
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Dates:

Aug 30, 1843

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Shepherd, John W. to Shepherd, Charles O., 1843

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Catharine Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

Names:

Kingsley, Prof.

Places:

Yale College, New
Haven, CT

Types:

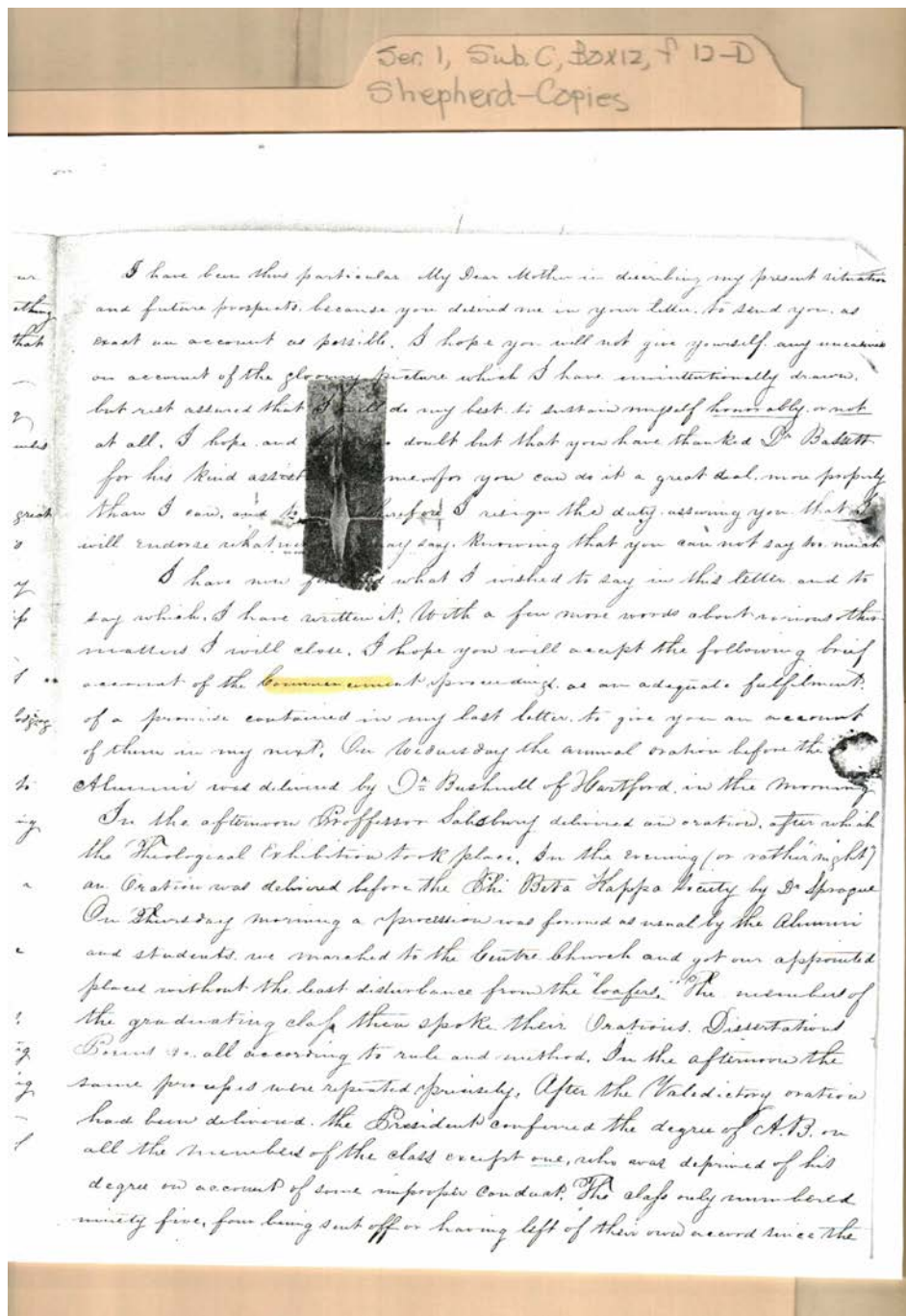
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Dates:

Aug 30, 1843

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 Shepherd, John W. to Shepherd, Charles O., 1843

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Catharine Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

Names:

Bassett, John Young,
 Dr.

Bushnell, Dr.
 Salisbury, Prof.

Shepherd, Catharine
 (mother)

Sprague, Dr.

Places:

Yale College, New
 Haven, CT

Types:

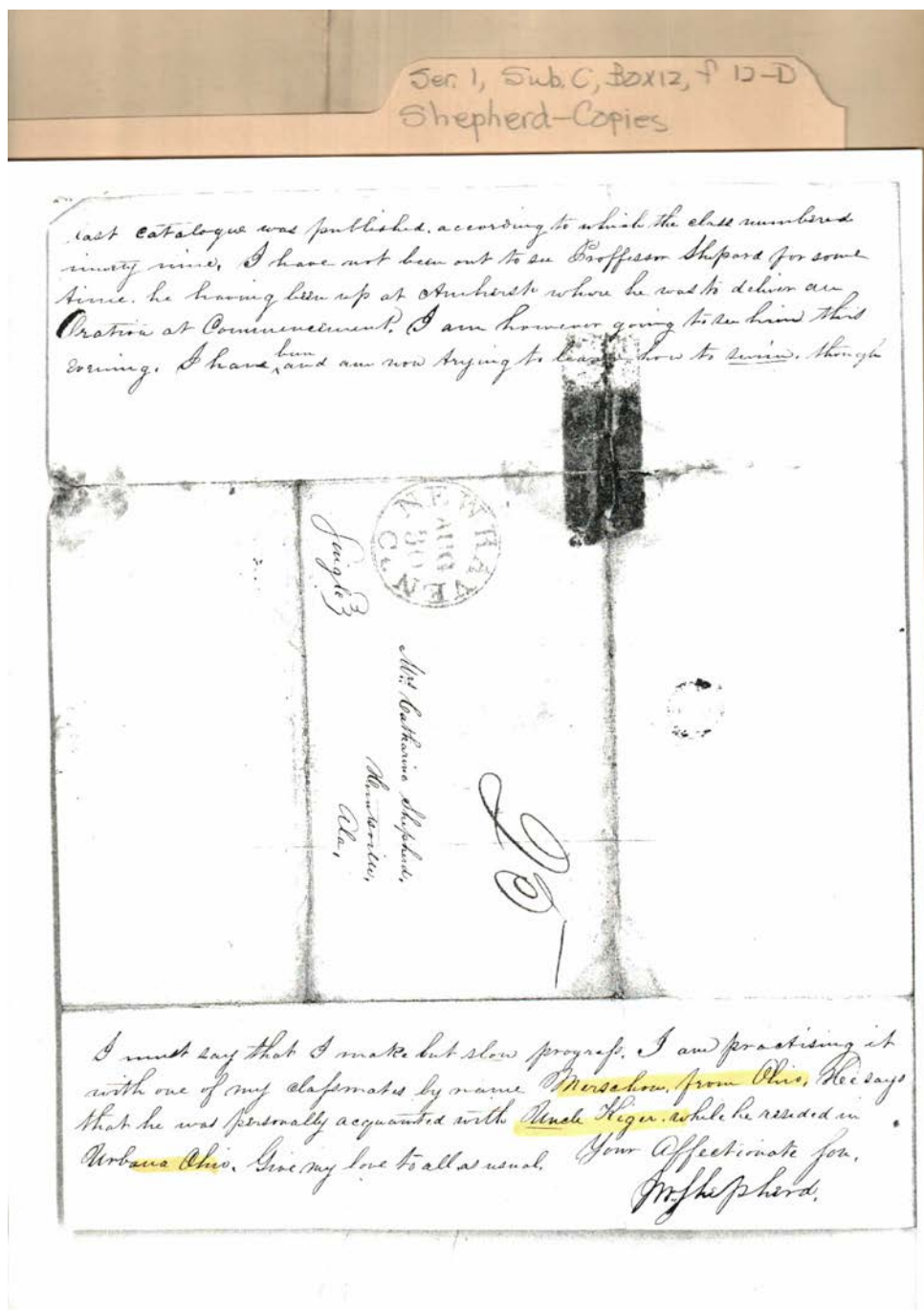
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Catharine Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

Names:

Kiger, Uncle
Merschow,

Shepard, Prof.
Shepherd, Catharine

Shepherd, J. W.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Yale College, New
Haven, CT

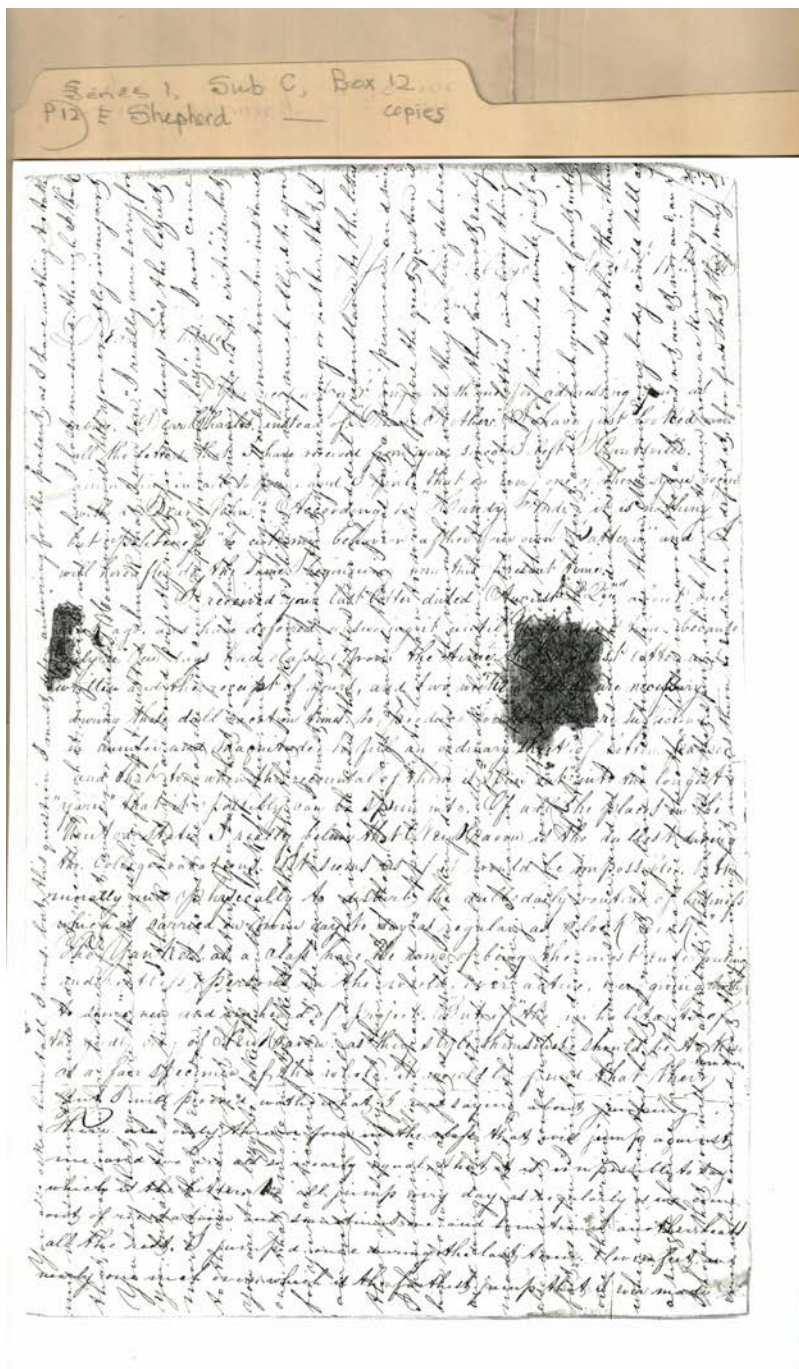
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letter

Dates:

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Charles O. Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

Names:

Shepherd, Charles
(brother)

Places:

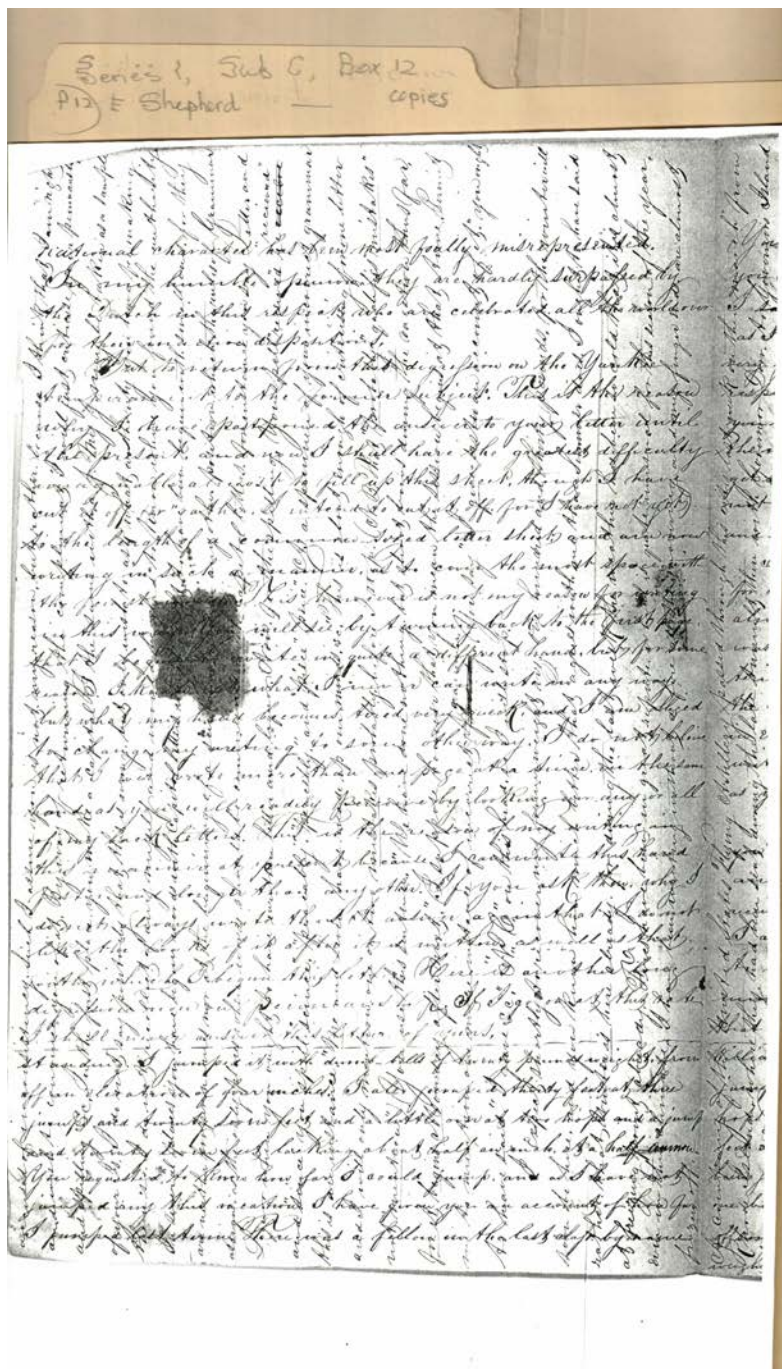
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Types:

letter

Dates:

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Charles O. Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

Names:

Dow, Governor

United States Flying
Artillery

Places:

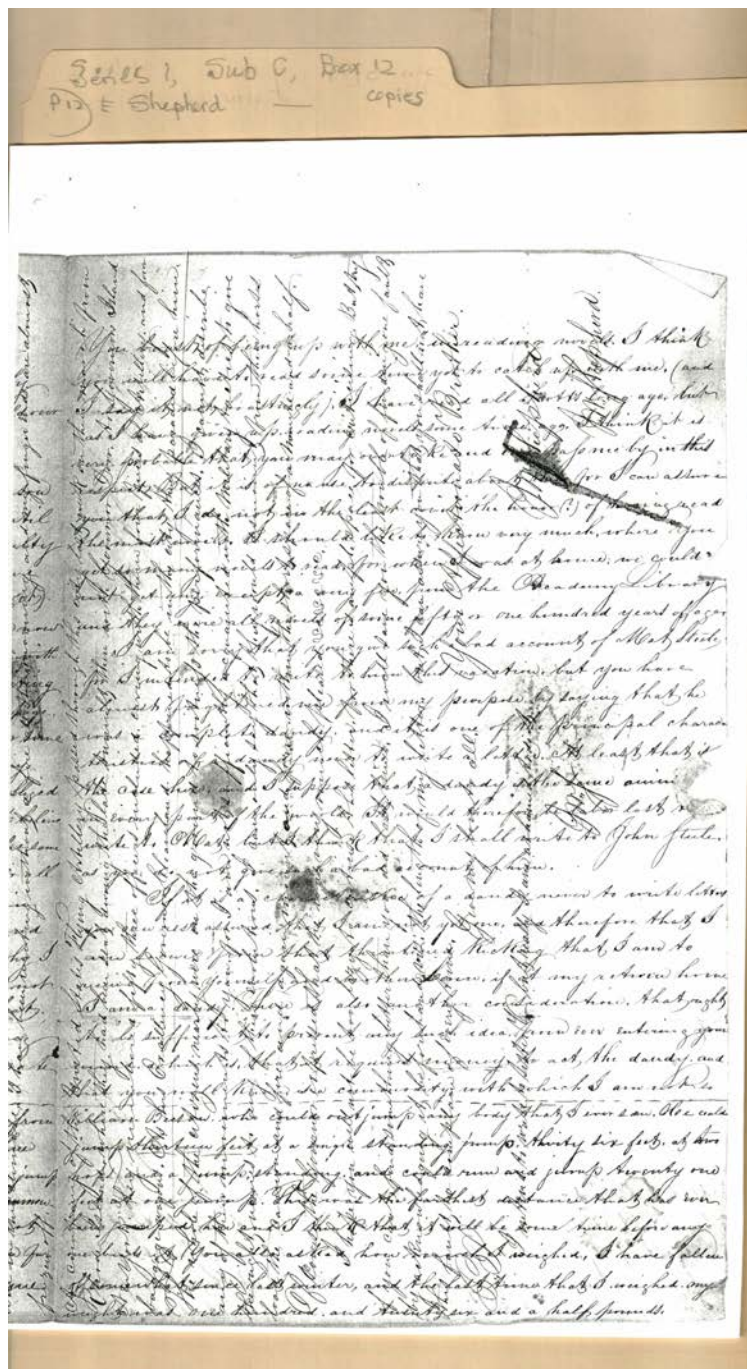
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Types:

letter

Dates:

Sept 11, 1843



Charles O. Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

Names:

Beeson, William
 Cabaniss, Virginia A.
 (Sister V.)

Dow, Governor
 Shepherd, J. W.
 Steele, John

Steele, Mat
 United States Flying
 Artillery

Places:

Yale College, New
 Haven, CT

Types:

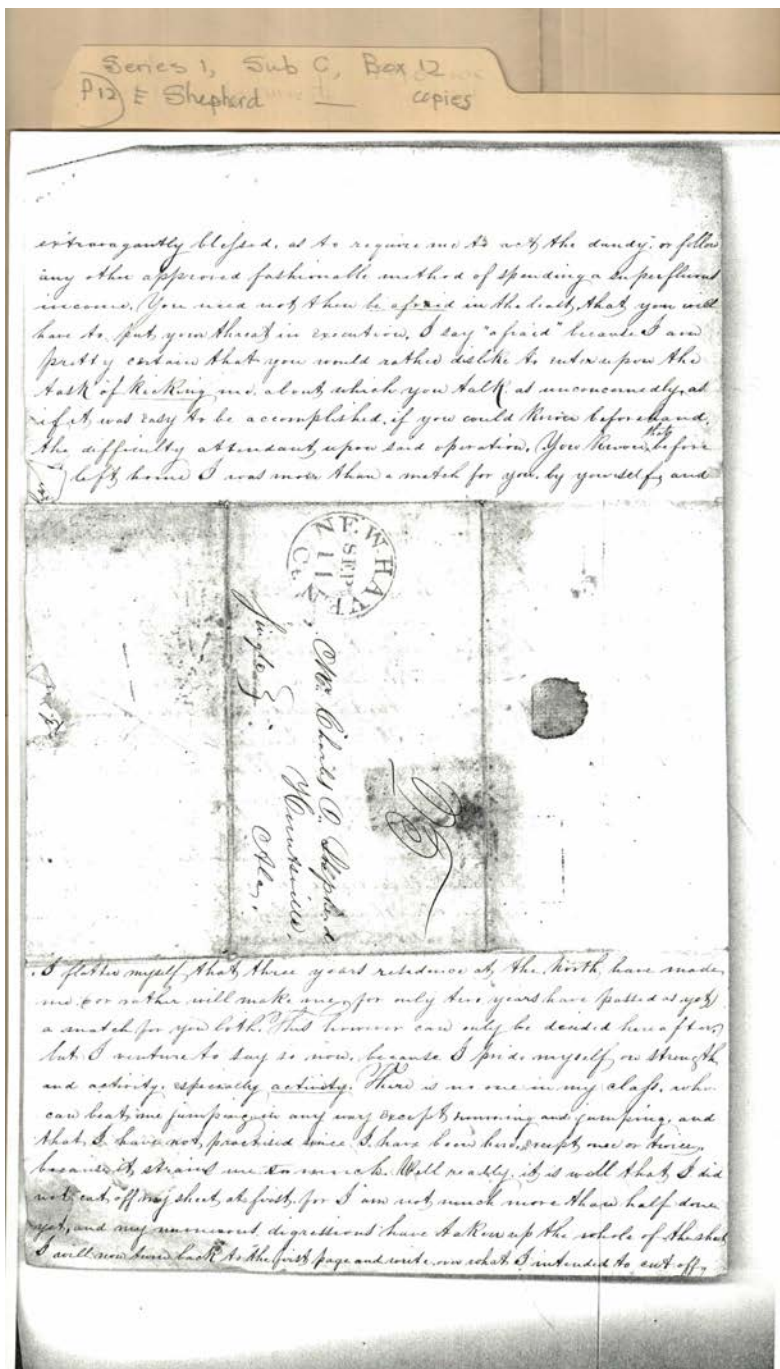
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Charles O. Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

Names:

Shepherd, Charles O.

Places:

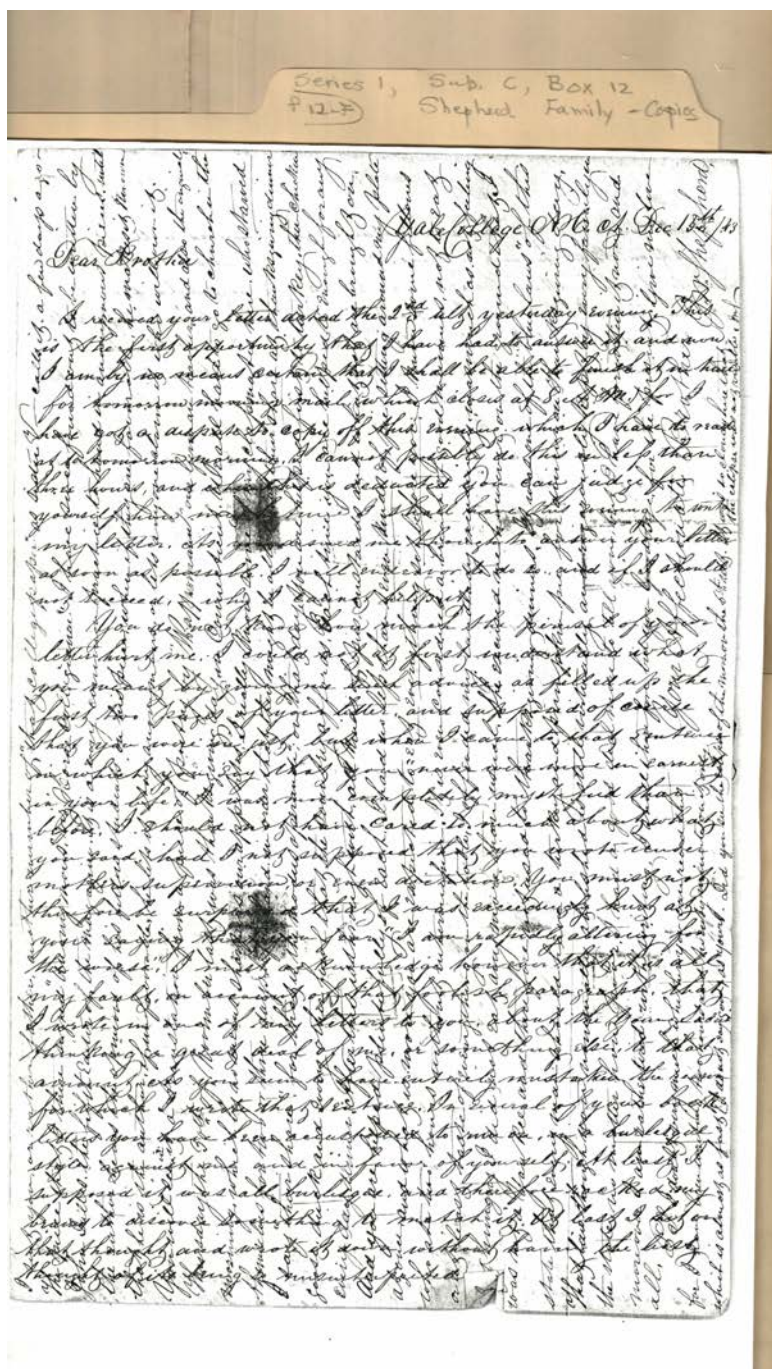
Huntsville, AL

Types:

address

Dates:

Sept 11, 1843



Charles O. Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

Names:

Dulles, John

Shepherd, Charles
 (brother)

Shepherd, J. W.
 Waffermann,

Places:

Yale College, New
 Haven, CT

Types:

letter

Dates:

Dec 15, 1843

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But since you did misunderstand it, I may as well set you
right on that point at once. I am not acquainted with a
single lady in New Haven, nor have I been to visit a family in
town since I have been here, except indeed Professor (Shepherd)
So far from it being true that the young ladies there are
very handsome &c. they do not, for aught I know to the contrary.
I know that such a person as myself exists, when I said that I was
not acquainted with a single woman in town. I ought to have
excepted my washer woman, and the lady of whose house I heard.
I then told you the whole extent of my acquaintance at present.
I wanted to visit some time the year before last some home again, but
I shall not do it now, on account of my letter. And when I come
home you need not blame any one but yourself if I should hear
the manner of a bear, or anything else you can imagine which will
represent awkwardness and clownishness personified, for you
cannot reasonably expect anything better from me, after having
associated for three years with none but my classmates. You
can easily imagine what is the standard of manner among a
crowd of about four hundred such young men as congregate yearly
here from all parts of the United States, and then judge for yourself
whether it is exactly a school for refinement in this respect,
whatever it may be in others. I think I have said about
enough now on this subject, but I would you to recollect that
I do not intend to become acquainted with or visit a lady at all.
If such conduct will be visited with any punishment to
that which I received for even mentioning "the young ladies"
in the foregoing your good opinion (and what is more motherly
&c. probably), and being thought by you "a Consistent Coxsong."
In my last letter to Sister V. I said that I was
going to write to you within one week from that time, either
of which it is now nearly three weeks. Of course you will
want to know my reason for putting it off so long. I do not
know that I can give you any very specific reason, but
must assign as a general reason, my constant employment in
other respects. This in addition to the scarcity of matter, with which
I always find myself troubled when I sit down to write a letter.
Through all other hindrances I can think of, enough to fill ten or three of these, I
induced me to defer writing to you until I received a letter from you.

Charles O. Shepherd from J. W. Shepherd

Names:

Cabaniss, Victoria A.
(Sister V.)

Shepard, Prof.

Places:

Yale College, New
Haven, CT

Types:

letter

Dates:

Dec 15, 1843

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which ought to have been received nearly a week ago. I suppose you
all at home there, you cannot afford to write me a letter regularly
once in two weeks. I cannot see how you can avoid it, kindly
expect me from me in that time.

You say in your letter "we have killed two of our grown boys." I
should like to know when we began to raise boys. When I left home
our stock amounted to one pig, and that one was lost and
was never expected to be found again. I do not think that you
could have raised within two years, boys which would weigh 50 pounds
apiece. I hardly can suppose, that they are two of those fine pigs
which you told me you saw had a fine lot of pigs. I have
not told me anything of family matters (I mean such as that)
since I left home though I have several times requested you to do so.
Now I want you in your next letter to clear up to my satisfaction
the mystery of those two boys.

If you were 180 lbs. by this time, as you said you expected to,
you had me entirely & fell off, when I had the "influenza" last summer
until I weighed only 120. (and I was only sick for about one week)
You know the winter season never did agree with me as well as summer
and though I have been very healthy since I have been in Illinois
both summer and winter, still I can see that winter agrees with
me a great deal the best. After I got over the "influenza". I kept
regularly through the whole summer 1842, as soon as winter
began to approach, I began to increase (that is in weight). I weighed
about one week ago, 180 lbs. I shall keep this winter and
hope until I equal you of last. I shall get the benefit of this winter
I think we have already had snow twice, and the ground is now covered
with it about 4 or 5 inches in depth, which fell about a week ago.
While there is every prospect over head of having another storm before
it has all passed. If such should be the case, the snow will remain
in all probability until the spring, for the ground is now frozen and
just right for another covering. For several days the thermometer
has been as low as 7° F. and I now come to the reason why I shall expect
the benefit of this winter, as yet I have worn neither cloth nor overcoat
in the cold weather, and have not felt the least inconvenience.
(In the first place because I have not got any warmer and secondly, because
I had one I should never wear it). We will not probably have much colder
weather than we have had already, and as I have got along this far

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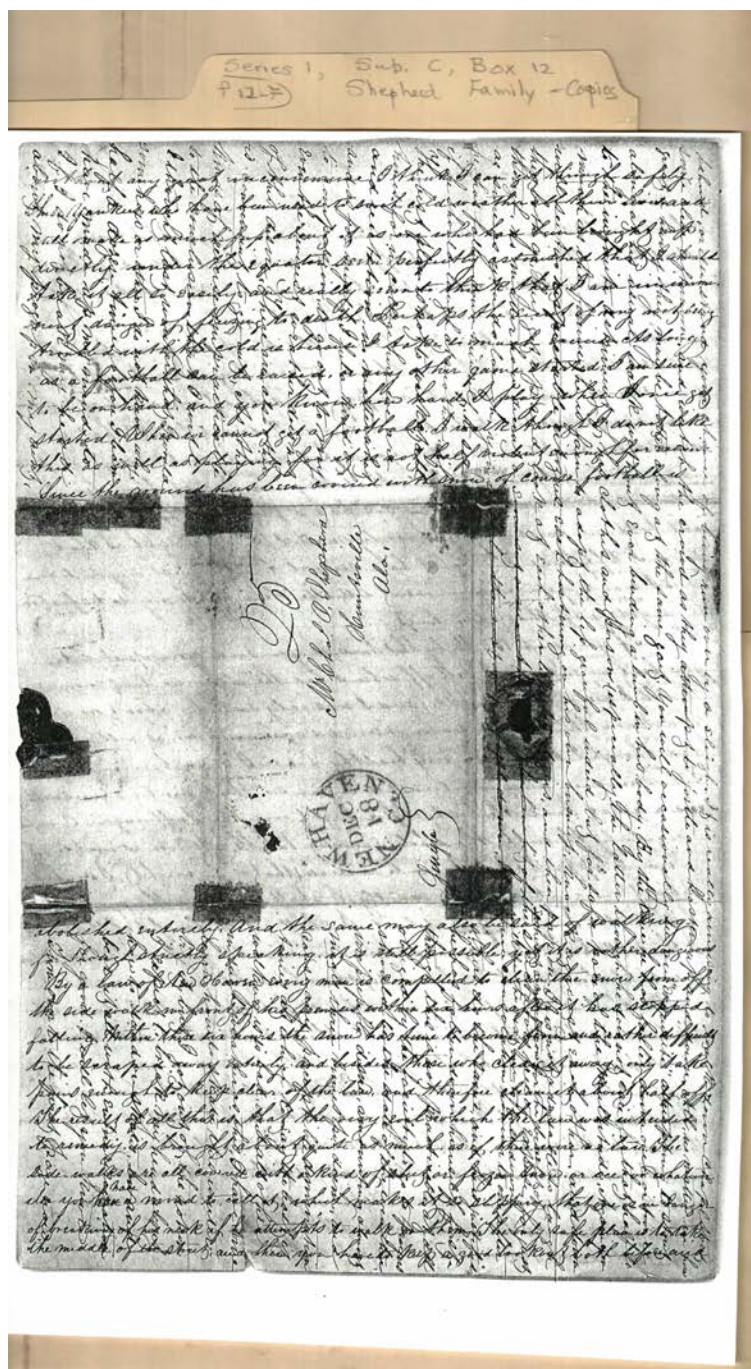
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Haven, CT

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Names:

Shepherd, Charles O.

Places:

Huntsville, AL

Types:

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